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LITTLE WAR NEWS.

Reinforcements Put a Serious Air on the Situation at Santiago—Is the City's Water Supply Cut Off?—Hobson Heard from—Gen. Merritt Sailed for Manila Wednesday—The Spanish Emboldened by the German Attitude—The Insurgents Progressive But Humane.

The news from the chief seat of war this Thursday morning depicts no standstill in the preparations for the battle but when to look for it to come is clearly indicated. yet. If Gen. Shafter had had time to place his heavy artillery as he wants it there is little doubt that he would make the attack at once for he is threatened with Spanish reinforcements of about 20,000. Their coming would suggest a blow at once but it is a question whether he cannot afford to let them come in while he also gets reinforcements and places his heavy artillery where he wants it to meet the fire from Cervera's fleet and to demoralize the troops in ditches behind the wire fences. Gen. Shafter believes he can take the place within 48 hours but it will cost the loss of more men than he hopes that it will be necessary to sacrifice. The time of action is wrapped in uncertainty.

It is reported that the supply of water has been cut off from Santiago and it seems to have some force of authority. If this should prove true the city would be brought to terms of capitulation very soon without an attack by Gen. Shafter.

Lieutenant Hobson has sent a telegram through to his father assuring him of his (the Lieutenants) safety.

A dispatch from Madrid says that Camara's fleet has begun the passage of the Suez canal, but it is not credited. Spain can ill afford to pay the immense toll to take the long journey with the entire probability of defeat or a even short lived victory. She cannot coal at Port Said. The probability is that Camara will soon be back at Cadiz.

Admiral Dewey is satisfied with the situation at Manila and speaks well of Aguinaldo and the insurgent troops. They have made fine progress and are humane in their treatment of prisoners. Gen. Aguinaldo avows that the family of Captain Gen. Augusti, now his prisoners are receiving good care and proper treatment.

Gen. Merritt sailed from San Francisco Wednesday for Manila. There is a constantly aggressive appearance about the German warships at Manila that do not impress our government as being necessarily unfriendly but by some are so construed and dispatches indicate that the Spaniards are now less inclined to surrender than some time ago.

To Salisbury Tomorrow Night.

Quite a large crowd is being gotten up to go to Salisbury tomorrow night to see the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" played by their home talent there. By getting up a large crowd they have succeeded in getting a round trip ticket and a reserved seat in the opera house for one dollar. They will return the same night in a passenger coach attached to a freight train. The proceeds go to Company L.

Civil Engineer Knox, of Charlotte, is out at Sunderland Hall sinking an artesian well. Mr. Cureton Stuart, of Rock Hill, is assisting him.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Barn and Crib of Mr. D Henry White Burned—A Poor Animal Dies in the Flames—The Cause of the Fire Unknown.

This (Thursday) morning about 10 o'clock while a force of hands were working only a short distance from the place of the scene, the barn of Mr. D Henry White, who lives on the Rocky River road about six miles from this place, was found to be on fire at one corner.

The working hands, together with quite a number of neighbors, rushed to put out the flames. In a short while it had spread to the corn crib and also burned it. One cow that was penned in the barn was burned to death, also one wagon, and a lot of smaller things usually placed about a barn. There was some amount of shocks in the barn but no wheat or fodder. About 25 or 30 bushels of corn were burned in the crib.

All the adjoining houses on the ground—even his residence—caught fire slightly but were put out by the diligent work of the people, a number of which were women.

The loss of the fire is thought to be about \$200. As to the cause of the fire nothing is known. A force of hands was working on both sides of the barn some distance from it.

"Bill" and The Standard.

The following statement in Monday's STANDARD is as unfortunate as it is untimely: "But as he is dead we should pass over his follies lightly and remember that in his lifetime he gave evidences of a very advanced goatship." What follies did Bill commit?

Bill, it will be remembered, was that daring "Hircus ægragus," the cool martyr of the Sabbath fire. About 4 o'clock, ere the strolling time of man began, famous Bill was pensively strolling Zionward. But those quick peals of the frightened bell, the fast strikes of neat leather on the hard pavements, the dark smoke of burning home, the pitiful braying of a kindred tribe, and the soul-stirring cry of his master for help, told conscious Bill to come. Loyal, brave and true, he gamboled not with time, but unstripped the fleetest. Fire on both sides and but one narrow channel, yet brave and heroic he tartered not. Hearing the famishing cry of his kindred for liberty, Bill entered the dangerous channel and sank himself near the harbor. Truly he was a Hobson on the Merrimac. I think the "Rev." was happy in associating Bill with Dewey, Hobson and Blue. If Dewey, Hobson or Blue had fallen in the crisis, they would live in poetry and song, perpetuated by a national monument written high upon its base in marble white the words: "The Heroes of Cuban Liberty."

Then why in the name of common justice should "Folly" be written on Bill's slab? Though he is dead and has but few mourners (as advanced goatship is never appreciated in the age in which it lives) yet we hope the day may come when the Editor will see that the "folly" is his and not Bill's. A Friend to the Goat and Editor. M.

His First Serious Engagement.

"I think I know now," said the soldier who was making a determined effort to masticate his first ration of army beef, "what people mean when they talk about the sinnes of war."

TO FORT MACON.

About Thirty Colored People Leave to Serve Their Country—A Large Crowd of Their Friends Bid Them Farewell.

A crowd similar to the one that is seen at the depot when the students of Scotia seminary are returning home, was at the depot this (Thursday) morning to see the colored men under the command of Captain Hood board the train for Fort Macon to join the army.

About thirty-two men were taken from this place, and the remainder of the men will be taken on at Salisbury. The soldiers were quartered in Caton's hall the night before leaving and were at the depot the next morning at an early hour.

All of the boys were very anxious to go, with but a few exceptions. Several of them were seen to shed a tear as they gave their final farewell.

As this command will be joined with another, they had no officer except their acting captain. Slade, who was to have been their Lieutenant, decided that Fort Macon was not the place for him. Probably their present captain will fall to lieutenant when the company is formed.

A Dart at Capt. Oldham.

Wednesday's Daily mentioned the fact that Manager Miller was soon to have "calf swells" for several of the members. Mr. Miller says now that rather than put the management to any more extra expense by having to buy an injector yet, the captain of the team will have to furnish the necessary amount of wind.

Drowned at Eagle Mills.

Lee Wood, a young man about 20 years old, was drowned while bathing at Eagle Mills Saturday. Wood was bathing with a party of companions below the falls at the mill. He was a poor swimmer and when he got into water beyond his depth he was drowned before assistance could reach him.—Statesville Landmark.

Goes to Nurse Soldiers.

The Salisbury Sun says that Miss Della Hall, of Rowan county, has been commissioned as a trained nurse and has gone to the hospital at Fort McPherson near Atlanta. She belongs to the Red Cross society under Miss Clara Barton.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. W H Brandon, brother-in-law of Mr. W R Odell, was in our city this morning.

—Miss Mary Thompson, daughter of Rev. J E Thompson, left yesterday evening for Lexington.

—Mr. D F Cannon and his wife will arrive at home tonight from their bridal tour to Niagara Falls and northern cities.

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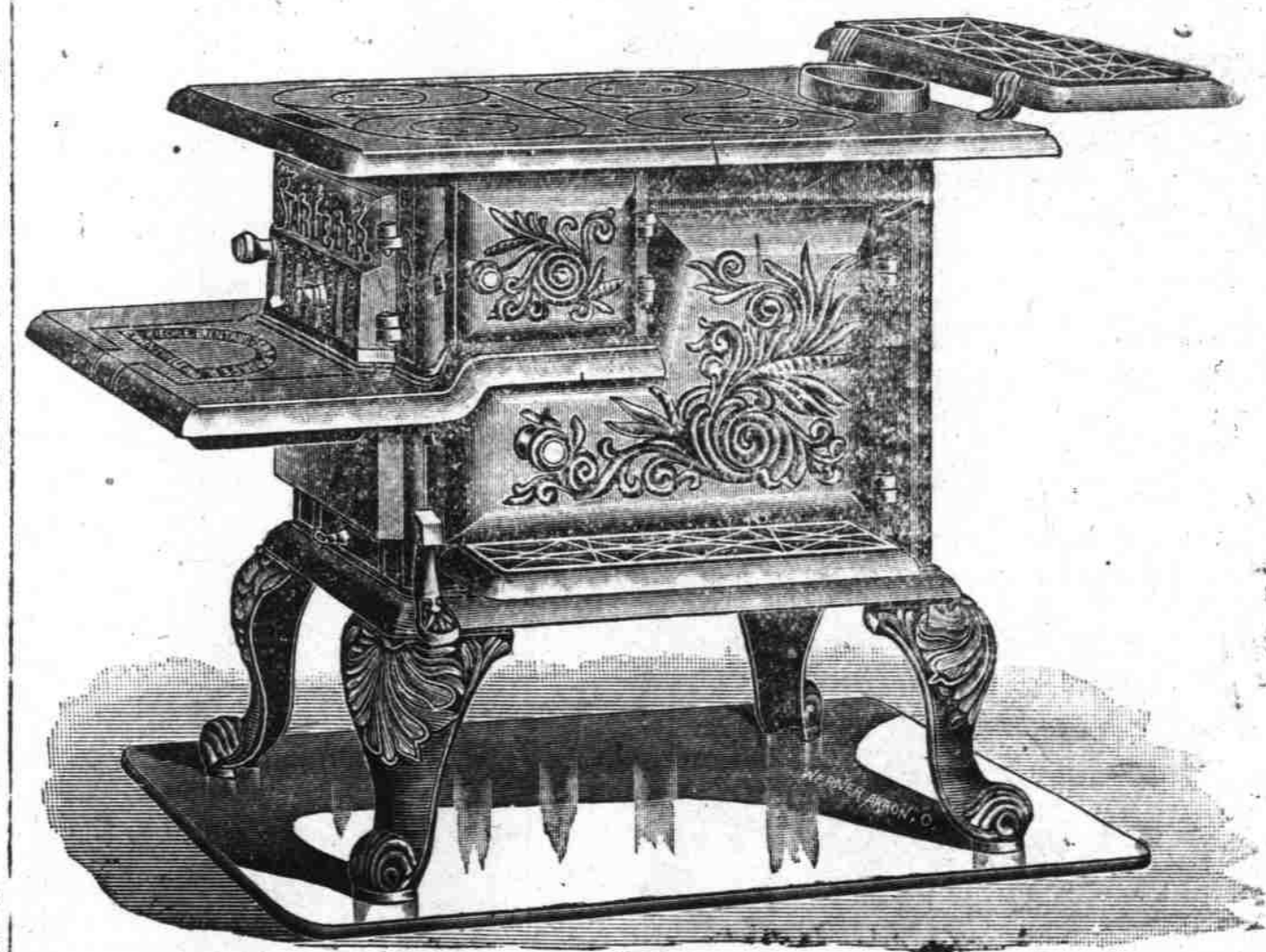


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